staff. Economy in that direction was misplaced. Freer contact of those officers with Sirkar Vakils should be brought about. They could also be utilised for other departmental cases. Rules should be issued widening the functions and duties of Prosecuting Inspectors, giving them a definite status and an adequate staff and insisting on a better and larger amount of work from each of them.

The *personnel* of supervising officers required change. Old methods of investigation were still in force. The experiences of Subrahmanya Pillai, student in the Intermediate class, as narrated in the *Pourapradhu*, dated the 16th Kumbham, 1100, in connection with the Vadavatur murder case and the inability of the police to trace the identity of the murdered man indicated the level of police supervision. He therefore pressed for the entertainment of superior men in the higher ranks of the force.

DEWAN: Mr. Joseph, I think the House must be thankful to you, and I am personally very thankful to you, for the very able and lucid speech you have made in regard to police administration, and the way in which you have drawn attention to certain important matters connected with the department. I am sorry that Mr. Pitt, the Commissioner of Police, is not here to-day to hear you. He had to absent himself on this occasion owing to unavoidable reasons. Had he been here, I think he could have given you some ready answers with regard to some, at any rate, of the points which you raised. But, in his absence, I shall not venture to answer in detail the various points you mentioned. The points you have referred to are important, I quite admit; and they are vital to the administration of the Police Department. I am going to send your speech to Mr. Pitt for close examination and for a definite reply, and I am sure Mr. Pitt will give your speech the attention it deserves and he will tell the Government what he thinks of your various suggestions. I was glad to hear your paying high encomia to Mr. Pitt. So far as I know, he is a very good police officer—one of the best police officers I happen to know—and I am sure that he will not hesitate to say that you are right in any particular in which he thinks you are really right. If he is convinced that you are in the right, he is sure to say that reform is necessary in that direction.

I am very sorry to hear of the case of a D. S. P. purchasing two clocks in an irregular fashion. This is the first time I hear about it. When Mr. Pitt comes to know of this, he will investigate the matter and take the necessary action.

I am not sure whether even Mr. Pitt will be in a position to give you a ready reply to all your points. He may be in a position to meet some of your points. For instance, I do not think you are right in saying that grave crimes are of more frequent occurrence in Travancore than in British India. For, I know personally, there are certain parts in British India where grave crimes occur in much larger numbers. It is my impression that we in this State are exceedingly fortunate in regard to crime. With respect to the question of increasing the number of stations, raising the strength of the constabulary, giving preference to educated over experienced officers, and the supervision of Inspectors, I can only say that these matters are very important. And, as you say, there may be a dead level of laziness on the part of Inspectors. All these are matters you are quite entitled to bring to the notice of the Government and you did well in doing so. I will send your speech to Mr. Pitt for remarks.

14. Economic Development of the Shencottah Taluk.

MR. S. PULIKKANNU TALAVANAR (*Member, Municipal Council, Shencottah*) prayed for the development of the cottage industries in the Shencottah taluk. Financial help and expert supervision were required in the case of such industries as weaving, spinning, coir manufacture and pottery. The Director of Industries had not been inspecting the taluk as often as desirable. Lack of capital stood in the way of the people adopting new methods of manufacture. Co-operative societies should be organised for the promotion of industries. Industrial loans should be issued as freely as agricultural loans and on easier terms regarding security. The Director of Industries should arrange for lectures on and demonstration of improved methods.

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The Agricultural Inspector should not remain always at Puliyara on the ground that he was in charge of the farm there. Soil survey and regular field experiments should be conducted to find out suitable manures. The output of paddy should be increased and a special officer might even be appointed for that work.

DEWAN: Mr. Talavanar, you say that, in the Shencottah taluk, the people are still only following the old ways as regards cottage industries and that they have not adopted new methods. Here, in Trivandrum, there is a weaving school where new methods are being taught. In addition to that, there are itinerant parties going from place to place, educating the people in the new methods; and they also make demonstrations for the benefit of private weavers. One Weaving Inspector has been appointed for South Travancore, and another for North Travancore. Each is given a weaver to help him. If the party concerned does not visit Shencottah, it will be asked to go over there. The Director of Industries says that it is not possible for him personally to go to every taluk always. If he does not go to Shencottah at all, he will be asked to go there.

Further, the Agricultural Department is demonstrating the use of scientific manures and improved methods of cultivation of private lands.

As for the organisation of co-operative societies and the grant of loans, the proper person to be approached is the Registrar of Co-operative Societies. The several departments have been established for separate purposes. If people would only apply for advice to the respective heads of departments dealing with matters in which they want help, I am sure the officers would be willing to oblige them.

The member said that it was not possible for the poor people to go to heads of departments as the journey would be very costly.

DEWAN: The officers themselves are going on tour throughout the State. So when they visit Shencottah, the people of Shencottah can get their advice without any trouble or expense.

The member said that the Inspector at the Puliyara farm did no touring.

DEWAN: The Director of Agriculture says that the Inspector is not bound to stay at Puliyara. He says that it is his duty to tour and to show to the people the best ways of conducting cultivation. If he does not do that, he will be asked to do so. He will tell the people what the best manures are and their uses. Whatever is feasible for the Government to do in the matter will, I am sure, be done.

The Assembly adjourned at 4-45 P. M. to meet again at 11-30 A. M. the next day.

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